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Outward Journey:

Empty train consisting of 52 freight cars.

17 August 1949

Departure from KUESTRIN - KIESEL at 6:30 p.m.
 Arrival in KUESTRIN-KEUSTADT at 5:50 p.m. (Polish border control)
 Departure from KUESTRIN-KEUSTADT at 7 p.m.
 Arrival in LANDSBERG/Jarthe River (R 55/Z 61) at 8:30 p.m. (coal-
 ing and water supply station)
 Departure from LANDSBERG on Jarthe River at 10:30 p.m.

18 August 1949

Arrival in SCHNEIDERHUEBEL (P 54/I 94) at 1 a.m. (coaling and water
 supply station)

Departure from SCHNEIDERHUEBEL at 3:30 a.m.
 Arrival in RAAKEL at 5:45 a.m. (water supply station)
 Departure from RAAKEL at 6 a.m.
 Passing through BLOMBERG (P 54/I 84) at 6:45 a.m.
 Arrival in THORN (Q 54/I 37) at 7 a.m. (coaling and water supply

Departure from THORN at 10:15 a.m.
 Arrival in DEUTSCH SYLAU at 1:15 p.m. (coaling and water supply
 station)
 Departure from DEUTSCH SYLAU at 3 p.m.
 Arrival in OSTERRODE (Q 54/I 82) at 3 p.m.
 Departure from OSTERRODE at 4:45 p.m.
 Arrival in KONGSMARK (R 55/V 54) at 7:45 p.m. (Polish border control)
 Departure from KONGSMARK at 11:15 p.m.

19 August 1949:

Arrival in GERDAUEN at 2 a.m. (Soviet border control)

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The locomotive was parked on a siding where 12 locomotives were already standing. The locomotives were guarded by Soviet soldiers.

(Sketch of the GERDAUEN railroad station see Annex)

The KUESTRIN - DEUTSCH EYLAU Railroad line is a double-track standard gauge line; the DEUTSCH EYLAU - GIERDAUEN line section is a single-track standard gauge line.

The railroad bridge over the Vistula River near THORN has been repaired as a single-track bridge.

2. Return Journey:

Empty train, on which Soviet dependents had been taken from the Soviet Zone of Germany to INSLENBURG (R 55/V 55).

29 August 1949

Departure from GERDAUEN at 3:45 a.m.

Arrival in KOESEN at 5:30 a.m.

Departure from KOREN at 9:30 a.m. (via DEUTSCH EYLAU, THORN, BRUNSWICK)

30 August 1949

Arrival in SCHNEIDERHUSSE at 6 a.m. (coaling and water supply station)

Departure from SCHNEIDERHUSSE at 8:30 a.m.

Arrival in LANDSBERG/WARthe at 1 p.m. (coaling and water supply station)

Departure from LANDSBERG/WARthe at 2:30 p.m.

Arrival in KUESTRIN-HEUWALD at 4 p.m. (Polish border control)

Departure from KUESTRIN-HEUWALD at 8:45 p.m.

Arrival in KUESTRIN-KIEFF at 9:10 p.m.

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Comment:

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The stop of 10 days in GIERDAUEN is noteworthy. Since 12 other locomotives were waiting it can be inferred that within the time period of 10 days 12 Soviet trains at most were dispatched from GERDAUEN in the direction of the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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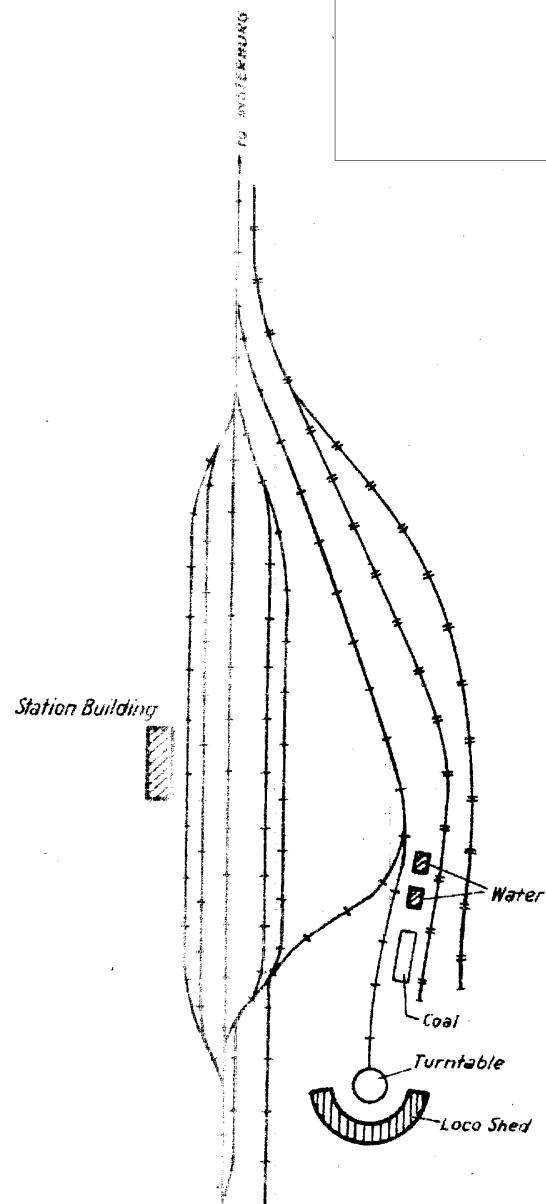
The fact that the empty trains were not utilized at all is also remarkable.

Reports of various engineers of locomotive supplies show that the Germans no longer take the trains to the transloading points but only to a place shortly beyond the Soviet border. Here the trains are taken over by Soviet personnel with Soviet standard-gauge locomotives and then taken to the transloading point. The same procedure is applied on the return trips.

1 annex: Railroad Station GIERDAUEN. (Gierdavy/Zheleznyodorozhny)

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BR. Station GERDAUEN



Legend:

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| <u>—</u> — | Standard gauge |
| <u>—</u> — | Soviet gauge |

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